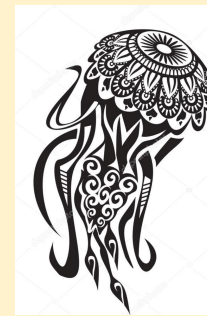


Petipeti Pod



Term 2 Newsletter

May 2021

Kia Ora Whanau,

We hope the holidays went well, albeit too quickly for some students and teachers! It was good to see smiling faces this week as we settle back into Term 2. This term we have some exciting learning going on and are looking forward to inspiring and supporting the kids with their learning.

Literacy - We are starting with how to plan and write a narrative story with a focus on a beginning, middle and end, plus characters and a setting of course! Moving past this, our literacy will be on our instructional texts and how to present this to an audience or for another person to be able to read and follow. We are excited that this will allow the kids to tap into their interests and passions or to explore new areas to learn about. A great time to celebrate success.

Maths - Our focus for the first few weeks is reading and solving word problems, as we find the kids often skim over things. We are encouraging working out, to get them into good practice for later on when they need to show this for college.

The second part of the term will target multiplication, division and fractions for some students. We do encourage you to keep those basic facts skills up at home. Repetition is key to build a solid memory of facts for an instant recall.

Inquiry - Digital curriculum: Understanding the steps involved in a process to complete something or solve problems.

For this, we are showcasing some examples of processes to each class, around art, dumplings or instructional tasks.

The students will be able to hone into an area of interest, or something new, to create a piece of work to showcase the steps required.



Request: Do you have a skill you could share? Do you know someone who has achieved something that could inspire others? We would love to have some people come and share with us, so please email either of us or put your [name down on this doc](#) for us to find an afternoon you can come and share with some students.

Timings: afternoons between 1.30- 3 pm in week 3 through to week 4. May 17th - May 28th.

How long: If your sharing (talking) is about 15-20 minutes long and perhaps there is a follow up task/ questions.

KiVa, Keeping ourselves safe, Sparklers and P4C

This term we are continuing with our rotations for KiVa, our anti bullying programme, Sparklers for our Hauora and [Keeping Ourselves Safe](#) as our third option. In classes we will also be having more structured P4C sessions, which we know the students value and respond well to.

KOS will focus on the following themes:

Confident me, Safe or unsafe, No excuse for abuse, Why should I tell

What will they learn?

- to work out when their safety is at risk
- how to keep safe when they meet and mix with other people
- who and how to ask for help if they, or someone they know, is being abused
- to go on asking for help until someone does something to stop the abuse
- that it is important to make and follow personal, family and school safety rules.

They will know:

- that abuse is never okay
- that abuse is never their fault.

As a part of this, we will be having the Police Education Officers in for one or two of these sessions to support the programme.

Road Patrols

Thanks for the families who are helping out this term, by getting kids to school on time for road patrols or being a parent help. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30-8.55 am parent helpers	Lynn Vlaar	Amanda O'Hagan	Robyn McInnes	Jessica Walker	Gill Ransom
Children	Lia Vlaar Elliot Otsuki	Kym O'Hagan Sage Bingaman	Immy Holland Alice Hemsley	Abigail Walker Katie Koning	Aaron Ransom Felix Haworth
2.50-3.15 pm parent helpers	Ali Johnson Alice Andersen	Celia Hayden	Hooi Ling Saw	Pravin Makwana	Penni Wakelin/ Gin Weston
Children	Van Anderson Ashley Nixon	Blake Baker James Sharland	Guang Cang Levi Keach	Lucas Bell Sunny Makwana	Zach Stevenson-Wright Wilbur Weston

Year 6 Raroa Fun Day trip Tuesday May 18th

Thanks to the 29 families who have replied about this, I need 11 more families to do so! Please complete the [permission form](#) for your child to attend our visit to Raroa on Tuesday May 18th. Thanks to the parents who have put their names down to help, we already have enough volunteers.

Yr 6 Students need to be at school at 8 am for this trip, as we catch an early train.

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Kirsty, Josh and Lisette

Petipeti Pod Teachers

